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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : JIAN, Benjamin  
App. No. : 09/327,826  
Filed : June 8, 1999  
For : MULTILAYER OPTICAL FIBER COUPLER  
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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 29, 2001**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2001 Applicant re-writes the following claims and makes the following remarks. An extension of time is requested to extend the time for responding to May 29, 2001, and the appropriate fee is included herewith. In the event additional extensions are needed, applicant requests such extensions.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 11, 14, and 21, without prejudice.

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